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## **CLAIMS**

## What is claimed is:

- 1. An apparatus for applying setting material comprising:
  - a. a plate having a plurality of apertures;
  - b. a circumferential wall coupled to a top portion of said plate;
  - at least four hollow sleeves coupled to said wall; and
  - d. a leg inserted through each of said sleeves.
- The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said apertures are circular.
- The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said sleeves are threadedly hollow.
- The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said legs are threaded.
- 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said sleeves further comprise:
  - a. a threaded hole, substantially perpendicular to said sleeve;
  - b. a threaded stud engaged in the threaded hole; and
  - c. a knob coupled to said threaded stud.
- 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said legs further comprise a spherical head.
- 7. A method for applying setting material using the apparatus of claim 1, comprising the steps of:
  - a. placing said apparatus on a surface such that the plate is disposed at a predetermined height above such surface;
  - b. placing setting material on the plate within said wall;
  - smoothing said setting material over said plate and allowing the setting material to fall through said apertures onto said surface; and

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d. removing said apparatus.